

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

8.23.17 Wednesday Night Bible Class, 7:00p.m.

8.24.17 Ladies Night Out. Back to School Bash Pool Party at Karyl Burress' house, 5:00p.m. until. Bring swimsuit and snacks to share.

8.27.17 Men's Bible Study Class, 9:00a.m.

9.10.17 Mark Cox will begin teaching the Apologetics Class for Sunday School. It is opened to all Adults & High School

Prayer Requests

- Missions: Mike, Kris and Kaylee Bridges
- AIM: Mason Bridges, Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill (Mission UpReach)
- Grayson Carter- Ft. Riley, Kansas; Deploys 9/14
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley, Hawaii- Wheeler Army Airfield
- Steve Izard
- Patrick Hutto
- Izzy -Robin Smith's Grandchild
- Nelson Bright, Karen Oliver's Uncle
- AJ & Jeanie McElfresh
- Sara Hanle
- Mollie Carr, Kathy Upton's Niece
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe's Father
- Kris Black & SCE&G
- Matt Baker & Abby Baker
- Mark Black-Kris Black's Father
- Danny Altman-Lauren's Brother
- Jack Close

"BELIEVE"

In our deepest place, we all want to believe. We pull for the underdog. We cheer for the person who defies very negative odds to overcome and achieve. We hope for a day when there are no tears and no farewells. Most people want heaven to be real. There is a drive inside of us that values the fairy tale and the triumphant ending. Some don't investigate God's story out of a primal fear it may turn out not true, while inwardly hoping it is, or fearing it is for how they live. The story, when investigated is both better and more unbelievable, at the same time. God doesn't ask you to die in your sins. He asks you to believe He died, instead of you, because of your sins. Believing God would die instead of you, and for you almost escapes human capacity. The more one investigates, the more shocking and unbelievable the story seems.

Meanwhile the culture tells you the universe is mechanistic, God is not real, and your hope is groundless. Much of that we experience makes the cultural norm seem real. The real news of the natural world coupled with the not - believable component of the Gospel cause many thinkers to not- believe. This is tragic! Here's the deal. You can't think your way into believing God's story. It is the ultimate fairy tale! It truly is so large and grand as to be un-believable. So many don't and they live and die in their sins, without hope, without light in a very dark place.

In John 8 verse 23 Jesus said "you are from below; I am from above; you are of this world I am not of this world. If you do not believe I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins." In all this Jesus is claiming to be of another world and able to relieve our sin issue. Who in their thoughtful mind would not want to believe that? Only those who refuse to investigate their own sin issue, probably out of fear. To think someone entered our world, from another world to keep us from dying with our sins on us is truly un-believable. So, again, many don't. This is sad.

Our soul is made to live by faith. The Holy Spirit said "without faith it is impossible to please God." God desires our faith, meets us in our faith and rewards our faith. Thinking is made to lead us to faith. Faith is the steps we take beyond thinking that activates all the good stuff inside our spiritual DNA. We will never know how God did this or that but we can choose to believe that He did this or that. The invitation is to believe and activate God in your inner being. In this choice we find faith, hope and love. The Holy Spirit comes to live within us and grow His fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, goodness, etc. Against such there is no law!! It is truly the high road and the rich road. Believing converts the end to a new beginning!

Believe
Our Shepherds

Assembly Times

**Sunday Worship
9:30AM**
Sunday Class 11 AM
**AWANA, Sunday
10 AM**
Wednesday, 7 PM
Bible Study

Weekly Stats

AM Bible Class 111
AM Bible Class Average 90

AM Assembly 152
AM Assembly Avg. 128

Contribution \$5,567.60
YTD Average Weekly \$7,707.33
Weekly Budget \$8,143.77

Shepherds

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Fellowship Needs:

Ruben Macedo needs help with taking Geoffrey Cottrell to lunch and home on Sundays, so please consider signing up on the calendar that is on the podium in the entrance.
Suzanne Kennedy also needs a ride to and from church on Sundays. Sheet is on the podium

Anniversaries:

8.14 Wayne & Karyl Burress
8.14 Derek & Beth Baxley
8.23 Dave & Carolyn Watkins
8.28 Cale & Raegen Ferguson

Birthdays:

8.25 Kaden Kneece
8.27 Hayden Oliver
8.29 Cindy Cox
8.30 Andrew Attal

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Online Giving!

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Contact the office for recurring payments.

**Opportunities to Serve
August 27, 2017**

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound:

Chester Warren

Lord's Supper:

Justin Muery

Servers in August:

Dennis Carter
Jimmy Kirby
Brandon Ulmer
Terry Kneece
Travis Jex
Hayden Oliver

Greeters in August:

Jane Deadwyler
Mary Turner

Nursery:

Alma Ulmer
Karen Bost
Christine Stewart

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AIM Mason Bridges, Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill & Mission UpReach in Honduras: Mike, Kris, Kaylee Bridges

YOUTH NEWS

MEN'S NEWS

Mark 12:30

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

The Bible tells us to love the Lord in both the Old and New Testaments. It was written in the God-breathed words in Deuteronomy and Jesus spoke these words to the Pharisees as documented in the Gospels. He emphasizes that *this is the first and greatest commandment* (Matt. 22:38).

Each Wednesday night, the preschool and elementary children have been studying through many Old and New Testament stories to learn how we can love the Lord our God with all our heart. They have used the first part as a memory verse, in bold letters above. They've learned about Zacchaeus, Samuel, The Good Samaritan, the first church, Elisha and the widow's oil, boy king Josiah, and this week will be the Widow's gift. Each story demonstrates a new theme that relates to this verse.

I am thrilled that our kids are learning this so early in life. They are learning how much God loves them, how they can love God, and how they can love others.

Blessings,
Lauren

Do NOT miss this opportunity to serve in our community.

What: Lexington High School Football Team - Pre-game Meal.

When: 25 August 2017 - 1:00pm

Where: Lexington Church of Christ building

How: You can help by showing up to the building and helping with meal prep. The meal will be served at Lexington High School @ 3:30pm.

Call Derek Baxley @ 803-917-7495 for specific questions.

Opportunity #2!

Our brother Jack Close is at home and we need to take the fellowship to him.

All the men should have an invite in your email inbox to sign up for a specific day.

If you don't have that invite, then try this link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49A8AF2FABFD0-hanging>

Or you can just call or text me and I'll be happy to sign you up.

We are all in the middle of some sort of passage from one phase of life to another. Whether we are starting a new job, promoting to a new job, promoting to fatherhood, or promoting to grand-fatherhood; the fact remains the same. We are in a position where change and adapting are what must happen. Think about that and link that to your spiritual development where you are learning to change and learning while changing on a spiritual level. We all will eventually get to a final passage and you will have wanted to have gotten good at executing those passages by then.

Oh...one more thing. **Men's retreat** is scheduled for **29,30 September** in Candor, NC. Mark your calendars and look forward to a day and a half of good, clean, manly fun. Would love to see all of you there!

Assume it is your job and your moment. Hate apathy. Reject passivity. #grabtheoar -Justin